AMATEUR RADIO DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

Hamcation 2023

10 February 2023 - Orlando, Florida

Mission

To support, promote, and enhance digital communication and broader communication science and technology, to promote Amateur Radio, scientific research, experimentation, education, development, open access, and innovation in information and communication technology.

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Values

Our staff, contractors, and volunteers strive to uphold the following values:

- Curiosity
- Experimentalism
- Respect
- Accountability
- Openness & Transparency
- Inclusiveness
- Fairness
- Generosity & Gratitude

www.ardc.net/about/values/

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Staff

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(Yes, we all work remotely!)

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Background / History

1981	Hank Magnuski KA6M and 44Net / AMPRNet
2011	Formation of ARDC to be the trustee of the 44Net address space by Brian Kantor WB6CYT
2019	Sale of IPv4 addresses & creation of endowment to fund ARDC operations and grants
2019	Sudden passing of WB6CYT
2020	Building a staff to manage operations including grants and technology

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Resources

- 12 million legacy IPv4 routable Internet addresses which are allocated to licensed amateurs at no cost for non-profit and open access amateur radio projects

- An endowment providing a multi-million dollar distribution each year to non-profit and open access/source programs and projects via grants for:
  - Growth of Amateur Radio
  - Education & Scholarships
  - Research and Development.

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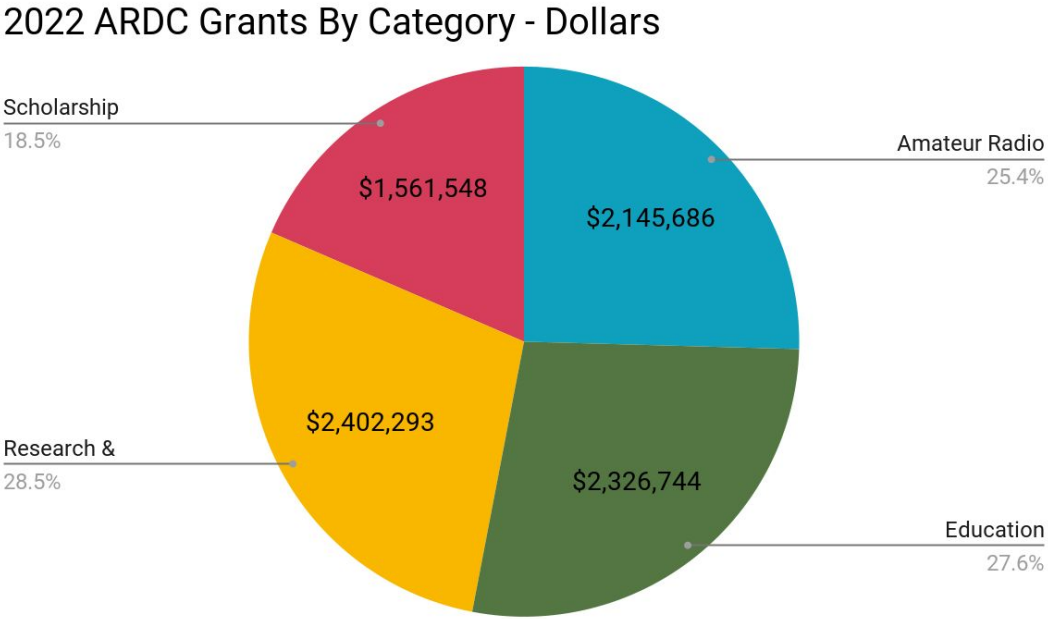
Grants!

2022 Grants



Number of grants made in 2022:

101 Grants

Dollars distributed in 2022:

~$8M*

Number of people directly impacted:

~14,000 People

**More exact totals will be provided in 2022 audited financials*

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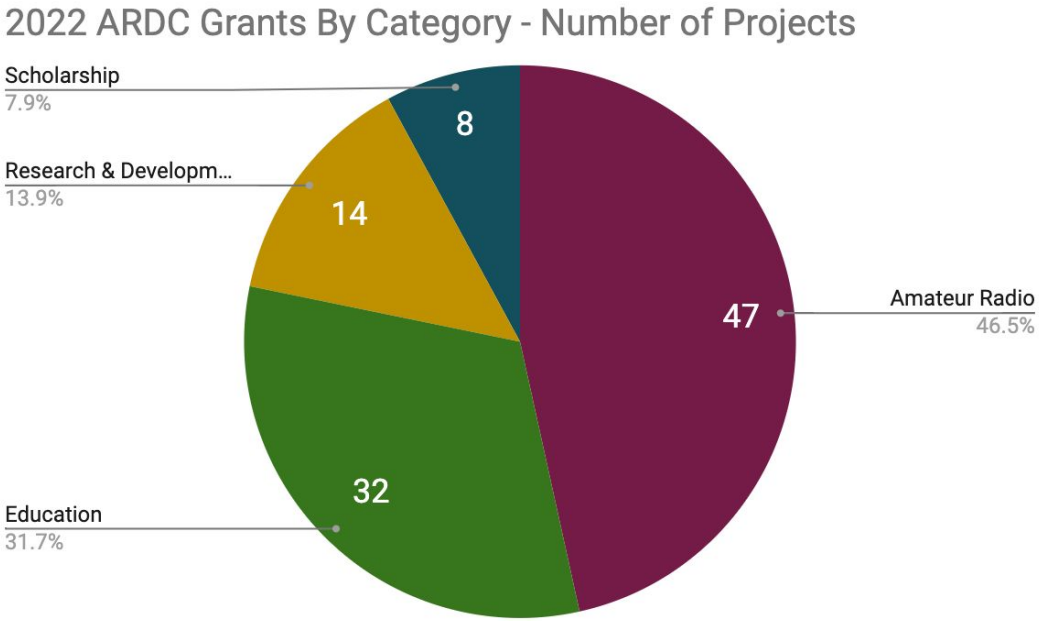
2022 Grants by Category



- Compared to 2021, R&D grew as a category from 14% to 28% (in dollars)
- We had:
  - 8 scholarship grants
  - 14 R&D grants
  - 32 education grants
  - 47 amateur radio grants

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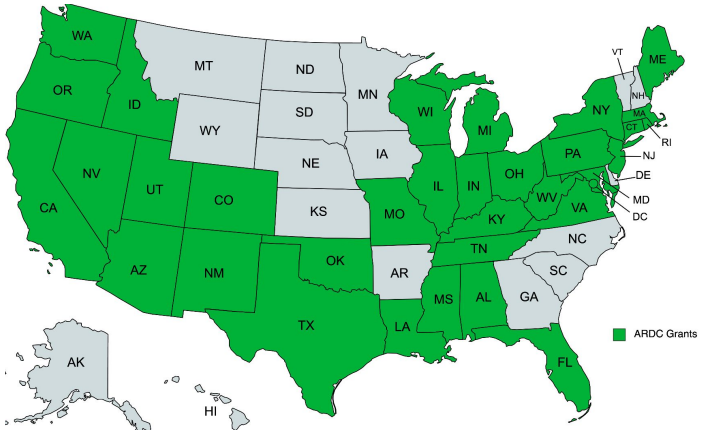

International Reach

2020: 9% international projects (2)

2021: 10% international projects (6)

2022: 13% international projects (13)

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Grants Update

All-Time Number of grants made:

187 Grants

All-Time Dollars distributed:

~$20,900,000

Number of people directly impacted:

71,193 People

Pictured: Left are students at Norwich Free Academy, Right are Hampton University Scholarship recipients

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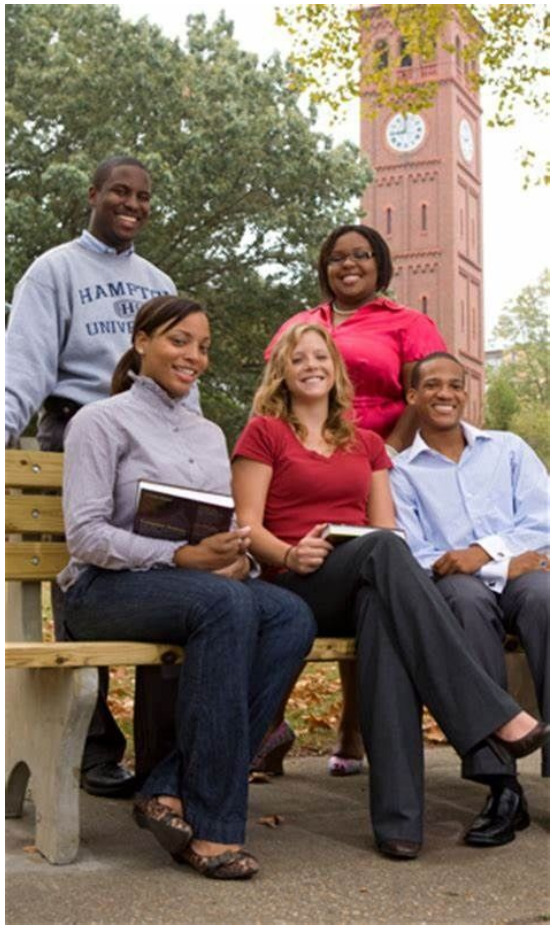

2022 Annual Report

bit.ly/ARDC-2022

- Grants
- Tech & 44Net
- Operations
- Staff arrivals; Board departures
- Communications
- Events

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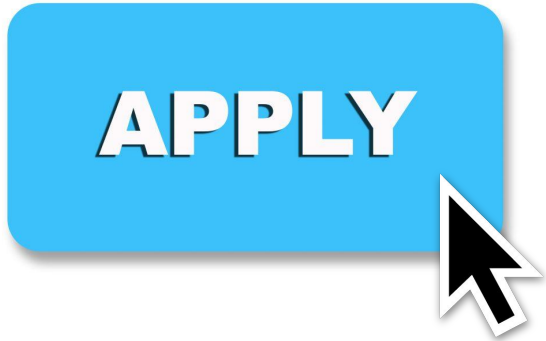
Applying for a Grant

Apply anytime!

The earlier in the cycle the better

Upcoming 2023 review dates:

- April 1
- June 1
- Oct. 1



Information: ardc.net/apply/

Apply: grants.ardc.net

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Grantee Requirements

ARDC makes grants to **nonprofit organizations,** which fall into the following categories:

- **US IRS 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Public Charities** or their International Equivalents
- **Non-Profit Educational Institutions** (US and International)
- **Government projects** that align with our mission
- Groups and individuals sponsored by an entity meeting the above requirements. This is known as **fiscal sponsorship**.

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Photo Credit: K7UAZ University of Arizona Amateur Radio Club, who received a grant to renovate their HF station and satellite station

Grant Category: Support and Growth of Amateur Radio

- Clubs
- Licensing classes
- Continuing education
- Community outreach
- Club station update or enhancement
- Repeater and network infrastructure
- Certain emergency communications projects

*We are particularly interested in projects which include **underrepresented individuals and groups.***

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Grant Category: Education

- Scholarships
- K-12 school programs
- College programs
- Programs aimed at underserved groups.

ARDC funds scholarships indirectly through other programs.

Students try their hand at fox hunting at Woodridge Middle School.

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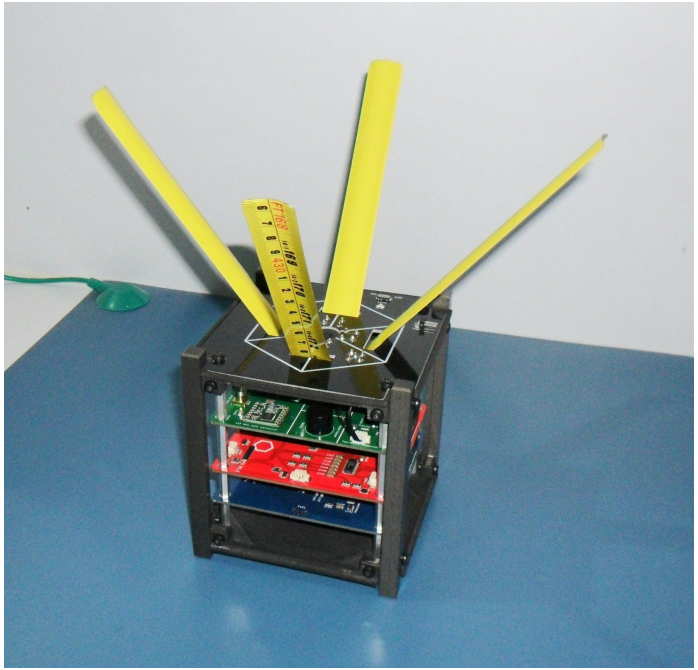

Photo Credit: Paradox Sonic Space Research Agency, who is developing India's first open-source satellite

Grant Category: Research and Development

Advancing the state of the art in amateur radio and communication science & technology.

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Applying for a Grant – Key Points

- ✓ Review **ardc.net/apply** and all subpages
- ✓ Most projects take about **one year** to complete.
  - **First-time projects/groups:** one 1-2 year grant to start
  - **Large projects:** consider a multi-phase approach
- ✓ **Line up external resources** (e.g. facilities, personnel, partners, etc.)
- ✓ **Include all expenses** (e.g. taxes, fees, shipping, professional services, indirect costs, etc.)
- ✓ **Select modern, quality, items** that will have an appropriate service life.
  - *Don't "gold plate" and don't under specify.*
- ✓ Have a good **project plan** including who, when, where and why.

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Make your proposal stand out!

- ✓ Include **previous accomplishments**
- ✓ Show **outreach and community building** around your project
- ✓ Describe your **open access / open source strategy**
- ✓ Explain how your project is **innovative** (if it is, ok if not)
- ✓ Describe **inclusiveness and equity** initiatives your group engages in
- ✓ Include how you will **engage youth** to fight the greying of the hobby
- ✓ Be **complete but concise** in your description
- ✓ Include other **fundraising and support** you're receiving

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Applying for a Grant - GAC Review

ARDC looks for grants that further the following goals

- Broad reach
- Social over commercial benefit
- Inclusion of underrepresented groups
- Empowerment of individuals, and distributed rather than centralization
- Preservation of the right to innovate

Open Access Requirement

- ARDC-funded work should be open sourced/access and shared

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How will your project make the world a better place?

Applying for a Grant – The Process

1. **Prepare** your proposal
   - Description
   - Goals
   - Project Outline
   - Budget

2. **Submit** your application online at: grants.ardc.net

3. **Application reviews**
   - Staff – eligibility check (don't forget EIN!)
   - Grants Advisory Committee (GAC) – application review
   - Board of Directors – funding determination

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Applying for a Grant – The Process

Important notes!

- After the application deadline, it can take 60–120 days for funding decision.
- International Funding can take extra time
- If ARDC needs more information, we will contact you.

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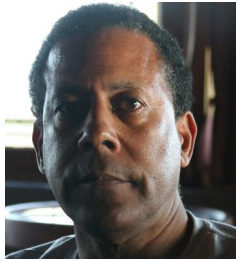
Grants Advisory Committee (GAC)

Bob Witte, K0NR
Chair



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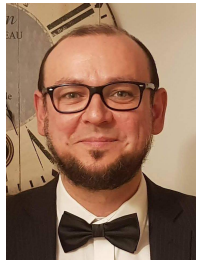

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Applying for a Grant – Talk to Us!

- Visit our booth (#186 in the North Building) here at **Hamcation**
- Members of our staff are here to hear from you and to answer your questions
- Email questions about grants to giving@ardc.net

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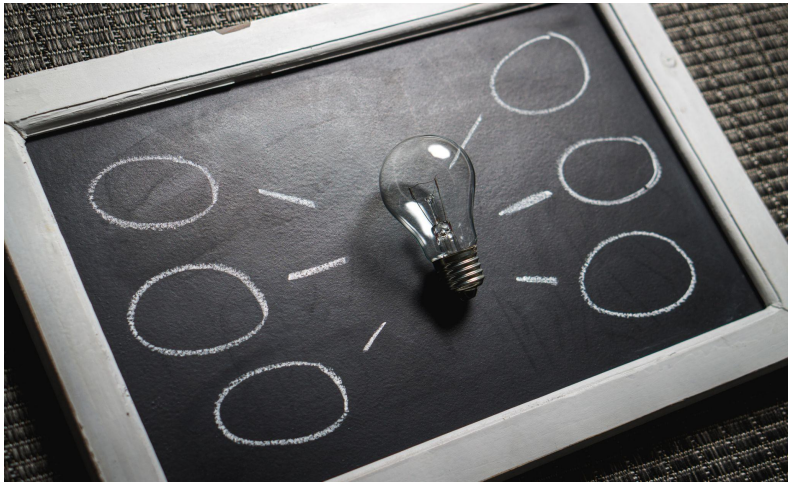
44Net

What is 44Net / AMPRNet?



a. Facebook for hams?

b. An automated defense network run by Cyberdyne Systems Corp?

c. An autopatch network in the UK?

d. Something else?

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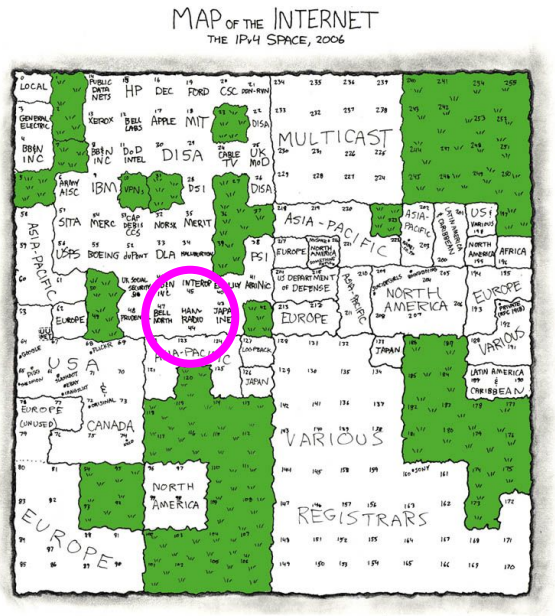

https://xkcd.com/195/

44Net = Block 44

Now 44.0.0.0/9, 44.0.0.0/10

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44Net, aka AMPRNet

AMPRNet = “AMateur Radio Packet Network”

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Built & operated by hams for hams

- Block of ~12 million class A publicly routable, static IPv4 addresses
- Allocated in 1981 and set aside for amateur radio users worldwide
- ARDC administers IP addresses and related matters
- Addresses are mainly issued to licensed to hams for non-commercial use
- Licenses are free to use
- ARDC does not provide network services (Not an ISP)
- Licensee is responsible for obtaining connectivity

44Net Use Cases

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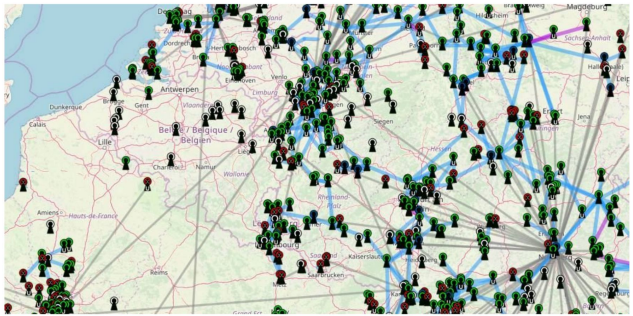
THE COMMUNITY

The Hamnet community consists of licensed amateur radio operators & clubs, they are....very fast...spreading the network worldwide.



https://hamnet.eu/site/community.html

- HAMNET (Highspeed Amateur Multimedia NETwork)
- IRLP (Internet Radio Linking Project)
- HAMWAN (IP-based digital network for amateur radio)
- EMCOMM
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- IP-IP Mesh
- Repeater Infrastructure
- SDR
- Email

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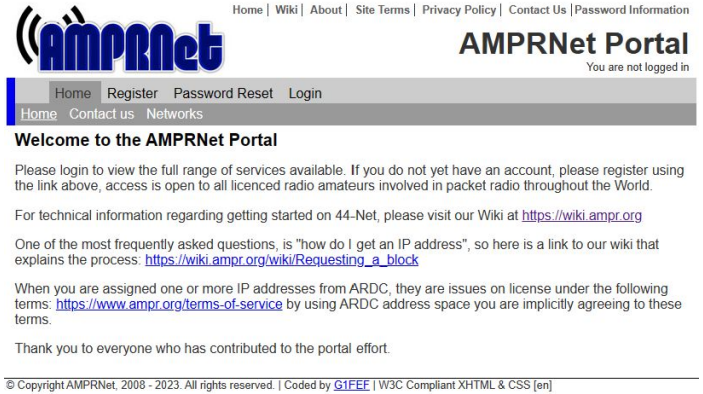
Accessing 44Net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Welcome to the AMPRNet Portal
Please login to view the full range of services available. If you do not yet have an account, please register using the link above, access is open to all licenced radio amateurs involved in packet radio throughout the World.
For technical information regarding getting started on 44-Net, please visit our Wiki at https://wiki.ampr.org
One of the most frequently asked questions, is "how do I get an IP address", so here is a link to our wiki that explains the process: https://wiki.ampr.org/wiki/Requesting_a_block
When you are assigned one or more IP addresses from ARDC, they are issues on license under the following terms: https://www.ampr.org/terms-of-service by using ARDC address space you are implicitly agreeing to these terms.
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- Some connected by wireless links and Internet tunnels
- Composed of a worldwide series of subnets
- Some point-to-point radio links to adjacent nodes, while others are isolated
- IPIP Mesh tunnels
- VPN tunnels
- BGP-announced Internet gateways

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The Garbandy Tower (372m)

- Mounted on a 22-floor base
- located in the Netherlands
- houses 2m, 70cm, analog and DSTAR amateur radio equipment utilizing 44Net connectivity
- Includes IP Cameras using HAMNET

Photo courtesy Rob Janssen - PE1CHL

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Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC is a group of community volunteers that reviews and advises ARDC staff and board of directors on aspects of 44Net technology, architecture, and policy.

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Key Initiatives for 2023 TAC Subcommittees

1. 44Net use-case review and catalog

2. Policy updates for coordination, use, BGP, and DNS administration

3. Documentation updates for the AMPRNet Wiki

4. Network Updates
   a. Updated Portal Project
   b. PoP (Point-of-Presence Project)

5. An easy onramp reference design for a turnkey 44Net router

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TAC Members (returning)

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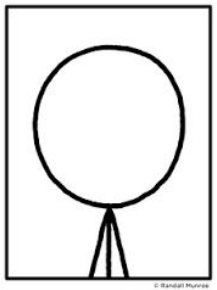

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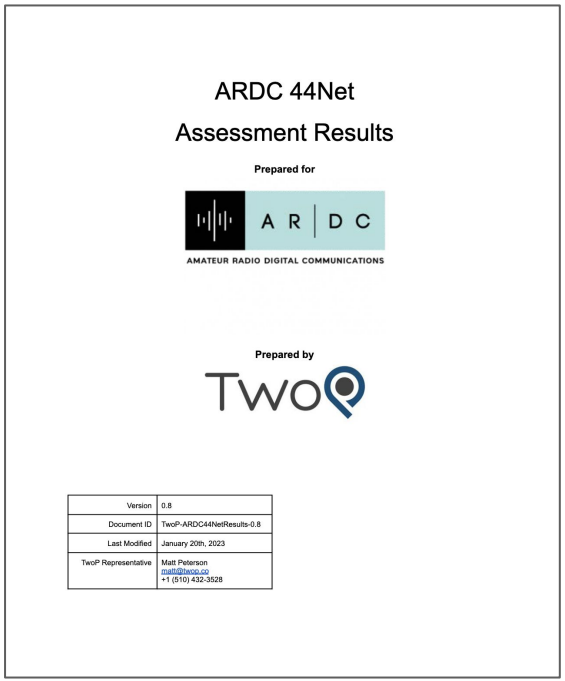
44Net Assessment Report



ARDC 44Net

Assessment Results

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- Methodology
- Survey Results
- Notes from Focus Groups

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More Information

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- Sign up for the newsletter
- Sign up for the 44Net Mailing List
- Consider volunteering

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- Portal: portal.ampr.org
- Wiki: wiki.ampr.org

Reach out any time! *contact@ardc.net*

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